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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that may be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

PRIOR UNITED STATES PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S):

☒ I hereby claim domestic priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any provisional application(s) for patent listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior provisional application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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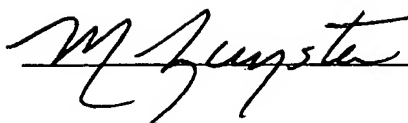
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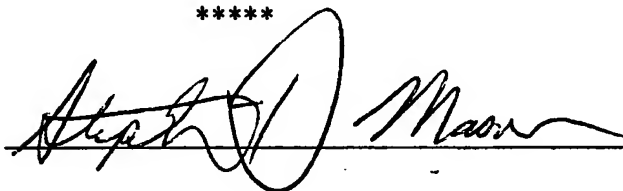
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